



COVID-19 FRAUDS ON THE RISE

Be aware that criminals are attempting to taking advantage of the COVID-19 crisis through a variety of scams, including telemarketing calls, phishing emails, social media platforms, and more.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission provides [these helpful tips](#) to avoid scams:

- **Don't respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government.** The details are still coming together.
- **Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits.** There are no products proven to treat or prevent COVID-19 at this time.
- **Hang up on robocalls.** Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.
- **Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO.** Use sites like coronavirus.gov and usa.gov/coronavirus to get the latest information. And *don't* click on links from sources you don't know.
- **Do your homework when it comes to donations.** Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.

The FTC recently sent [warning letters](#) to nine different companies selling a variety of products purportedly related to COVID-19, including supplements, oils, "preventative medicine," oral mint strips, saline products, "herbal medicines," and nasal spray.

While it is disappointing that fraudsters are attempting to profit off of this national pandemic, Oved & Oved LLP is here to help you stay alert and protect yourself. We will continue to monitor this information and provide updates on this ongoing situation.

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